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FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS  
CONTROL ACTIVITIES

REF: (A) STATE 233134 (B) TUNIS 5287

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE NOTED REF A,  
I HAVE REVIEWED THE EMBASSY'S NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTION  
PROGRAM AND RELATIONS WITH GOT AUTHORITIES CHARGED WITH  
COMBATTING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND USE. USG ROLE IN  
NARCOTICS FIELD IN TUNISIA IS TO SUPPORT GOT ACTIVITIES,  
WHERE NEEDED AND APPROPRIATE, IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS  
TO REDUCE NARCOTICS IMPORTATION AND DOMESTIC USE AND TO  
PREPARE FOR POSSIBILITY THAT TUNISIA MAY BECOME AN IMPORTANT  
TRANSIT AND/OR PROCESSING SITE FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG  
TRAFFICKERS IN FUTURE.

2. AS NOTED IN PREVIOUS EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL REPORTING  
(MOST RECENTLY OUR FY 1976 NARCOTICS PROGRAM GUIDANCE,  
REF B), TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING  
THE WIDESPREAD DRUG USE OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD TO A  
NEGLECTIBLE LEVEL TODAY AND REMAIN VIGILANT IN ENFORCING  
COUNTRY'S STRINGENT DRUG LAWS. THEY HAVE NOT RPT NOT  
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INSTITUTED LARGE-SCALE DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM ON THE

GROUND'S THAT SUCH AN EFFORT MIGHT WELL ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN DRUG USE BY TUNISIAN YOUTH AMONG WHOM THERE IS VERY MINOR DRUG PROBLEM AT PRESENT. WE SHARE THIS GOT JUDGMENT.

2. GOT AUTHORITIES CONCUR IN OUR CONCERN THAT CHANGING PATTERNS IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS ACTIVITY MAY LEAD TRAFFICKERS TO SELECT TUNISIA AS A NEW OR ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR NEAR EAST OPIATES ON THEIR WAY TO U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE. TO PREPARE FOR THIS POSSIBILITY GOT HAS INCREASED TRAINING OF ITS DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND CUSTOMS INSPECTORS WITH U.S. SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EFFORTS FOR PREVENTION OF TERRORISM, CUSTOMS INSPECTION AT PORTS OF ENTRY HAS BECOME MARKEDLY MORE DILIGENT AND THOROUGH IN PAST YEAR. GOT HAS TOLD US IT WISHES TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN U.S. NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING PROGRAM AT RATE OF ABOUT SIX OFFICERS PER YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO EQUIP ALL OF ITS APPROXIMATELY THIRTY PORTS OF ENTRY WITH US-MADE NARCOTICS DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION KITS. WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING GOT TO MEET THIS LATTER DESIRE.

4. WE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR INDICATIONS OF CHANGE IN NARCOTICS SITUATION IN TUNISIA AND WILL MAINTAIN ITS COOPERATIVE CONTACTS WITH RELEVANT TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES.  
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